

Hagel announces decision to leave options open from alumni center

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SPORTS EDITOR

While UNO students enjoyed their first day of spring, one of the school's most notable alumni returned to his alma mater and brought the national media with him.

Sen. Chuck Hagel, who graduated from UNO in 1971, announced Monday at the W.H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center on the UNO campus that he would be withholding a decision on his political future.

Amid rampant speculation he would be declaring his candidacy for the 2008 presidential race, Hagel, a second-term senator from Nebraska and one of the earliest Republicans to publicly criticize President George W. Bush's Iraq War strategy, instead announced that he would be delaying his decision so he could focus on current issues like national security, health care and immigration.

"I want to give these and other subjects my full attention over the next few months. I believe it is in the interest of my Nebraska constituents and this country that I continue to work full time on these challenges," said Hagel. "I'm here today to announce that my family and I will make a decision on my political future later this year."

Despite not throwing his hat in the ring, Hagel said he thought his decision would not limit the possibility of a future campaign.

"I believe there will still be political options open to me at a later date," he said.

The press conference brought a host of local and national news organizations to the UNO campus. Hagel opened his comments with glowing praise for the school.

With his brother Tom, also a UNO graduate, sitting in the front row, the senator remarked how important the university was to his family and Nebraska as a whole.

"This institution represents, I think, what is best about our state and our people," he said. "It is for that reason that I asked the people from [UNO] if I could come trespass on their facilities and say a couple of things."

Also in attendance at the event were Nebraska

Gov. Dave Heineman and former Congressman John Y. McCollister, who hired Hagel as an administrative assistant after his graduation from UNO.

Both men stressed Hagel's fondness for UNO as a reason he decided to come back to the campus to make his announcement.

"I think it was very important that he did it here in Nebraska and, particularly, at UNO," said Heineman. "I've known senator Hagel for about 30 years now; today it reflected how he feels."

As Hagel's first political mentor, McCollister said he had always been aware of the senator's deep ties to his alma mater.

"He's very proud of his UNO connection," said McCollister. "That's when I first knew him, when he was a student ... he has great affection for UNO."

Hagel's visit was not entirely without its detractors, though. A small but vocal group of protesters stood across the street from the alumni center, displaying anti-Hagel signs and decrying the senator's voting record on immigration issues.

Still, Interim Chancellor John Christensen said the event offered a great opportunity for UNO to

not only welcome back a distinguished graduate,

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photo by Patrick Doty

Nebraska Sen. Chuck Hagel speaks to a large crowd at the W.H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center on March 12. Hagel announced that he would withhold a decision on his political future to focus on current issues like health care and immigration.

AD candidates to visit UNO campus



Mike Kemp

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UNO will be hosting its own version of the Final Four this week.

The front runners for the UNO athletic director position are Cliff Dochtermann, senior associate athletic director at the University of California, Riverside; Mike Kemp, UNO head coach for hockey; David Miller, former associate athletic director at Southern Methodist University; and William Weidner, former deputy athletic director at the University of Central Florida.

All four will be on campus this week to meet with the members of the Athletic

Director Search Committee and Interim Chancellor John Christensen.

With the obvious exception of Kemp, who is already on campus, the finalists will be flying into Omaha separately and meeting with school personnel over consecutive two-day periods.

Committee Chairman John Langan, dean of the College of Education, said while UNO's next athletic director may be among the group, the final decision will rest with Christensen.

"I think the search committee is saying those are the four best candidates, but that's based on paper interviews, calling references and talking to people on the phone," Langan said. "As we get to this final piece, the interview, that's where it happens."

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LPR reappointed despite controversy
*Student Senate*SCOTT STEWART
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Senators reappointed their legislative and public relations officer during the Student Senate's March 1 meeting, ending a month-long dispute over the position.

Latavia Adams' reappointment as LPR was approved by a unanimous voice vote of senators present.

Adams was first appointed LPR on Feb. 2, 2006. She was given a second term by senators in an 18-4 vote, with one abstention, during the senate's Feb. 1 meeting. The next day, a year after her initial appointment, President/Regent Alexander Williams filed a grievance with the Student Court asking for the reappointment to be nullified.

Williams' grievance was upheld on a Feb. 14 meeting of the Student Court. The court found that Speaker Cassy Loseke failed to act in accordance with student government bylaws by not obtaining the "consent of the ... President/Regent" for the appointment.

Chief Justice Dave Jarvis ruled that the process should be "started over from scratch" and the position was reopened to all eligible students.

"In reviewing the applicant's credentials, I concur with the decision of the Speaker in the appointment of Ms. Latavia Adams as the next LPR for this organization," Williams said in a statement. Williams was absent from meeting because he was in Lincoln

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Library Web site offers tax forms

As the deadline for taxes draws near, the Criss Library is offering commonly used federal and state tax forms on its Web site, library.unomaha.edu/special/taxes/2006. It contains Adobe PDF copies of many forms as well as links to other sources for less commonly used forms.

Diabetes camp needs counselors

Camp Floyd Rogers is a youth campus for kids ages 8 to 18 with diabetes. It is located outside Gretna near Schramm Park and runs from June 22 to July 2, with the first three days reserved for counselor trailing.

The camp is currently seeking counselors for the summer. Counselors are paid and offered a great opportunity to work with kids.

If you have any questions, contact the camp director at jane.splittgerber@ops.org.

Tour de Cure seeks participants

The American Diabetes Association is hosting the Tour de Cure at the Sarpy County Fairgrounds in Springfield, Neb. The event will take place in June and raises money for diabetes research, education and advocacy. Tour de Cure features a 20- or 50-mile bicycle ride.

Each rider must raise \$150. They will receive breakfast from Gandolfo's Deli, and lunch from Carabba's at the event. There will also be prizes and snacks along the route.

To register an individual or team for the Tour de Cure, visit diabetes.org/tour. You can also contact Suzanne Sollars at 554-3981 or ssollars@mail.unomaha.edu.

Drug legalization debate planned

"Heads vs. Feds" will feature a debate between Steve Hager and Bob Stutman, both leading figures in the fight over drug legalization. The event will take place on Friday, March 30, at noon in the Nebraska Room of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Hager is the editor in chief of *High Times* magazine and founder of the Cannabis Cup. Stutman is a retired Drug Enforcement Administration special agent and credited with bringing "crack" to national attention.

Wind ensemble presents "Bandemonium" this week

The UNO Symphonic Wind Ensemble will present "Bandemonium" on Sunday, March 25, at 3 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

The concert will feature the regional premiere of Roger Cichy's composition "Bandemonium" as well as pieces from Jack Stamp, Philip Sparke, Eric Whitacre and Henry Fillmore. A masterworks performance of Robert McBride's "Sundex in Mexico" will conclude the performance.

Tickets will be available at the door, \$4 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors or free with the presentation of a MavCard. For more information, call 554-2243.

Writer's Workshop chair to speak on novel research

Anna Monardo, chair of the UNO Writer's Workshop department, will be discussing research for her book *Falling in Love with Natassia* on Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. in the W.H. and Dorothy Thompson Alumni Center.

Monardo's work, including poems, essays and short stories, has appeared in *Prairie Schooner*, *The Sun*, *Indiana Review*, *Other Voices* and several other outlets.

The discussion is sponsored by the Friends of the Criss Library Book Club. For more information, call 554-3205.

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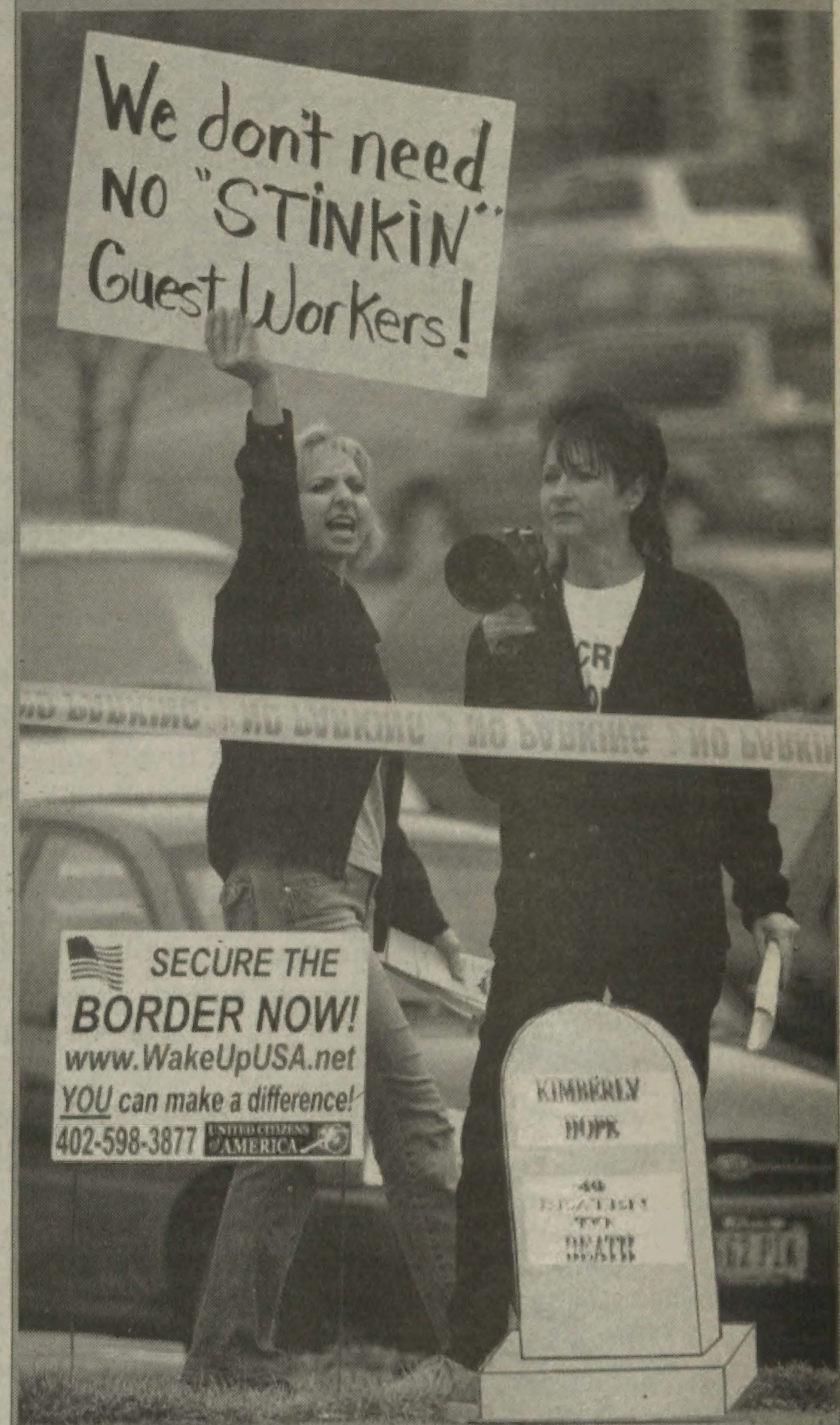


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Mary Beth Rommelfanger (left) holds a sign in protest of Sen. Chuck Hagel. Rommelfanger and Susan Smith (right) were among a group of about 15 protestors last Monday.

but also to bring some national recognition to the school.

"He's an alum of this institution and we were happy to have him come back home to discuss his political future, and I thought it was terrific that he called attention, in front of a large media group, to our campus," said Christensen. "It was a good day for UNO and, I think, a good day for the senator."

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Architectural engineering student Scott Lindgren poses for a photo while on a trip to India over spring break. *courtesy of unoindia.vox.com*

Students learn about globalization during spring break trip to India

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Spring break may seem like an opportunity for fun in the sun or some much needed rest and relaxation, but for 32 students and seven faculty members, the break was an opportunity of a lifetime. They spent 13 days in India.

The students were predominantly from the University of Nebraska at Omaha but some University of Nebraska at Lincoln students went along for the ride. According to a statement, the students visited India "to learn firsthand about the impact and process of globalization. The students were exposed to Indian society, culture, history, business practices, government and had conversations with some of the emerging thought leaders from a variety of sectors of Indian industry."

The students also visited UNO's sister university, the Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur. The Indian Institute is jointly hosting the trip along with UNO and infoUSA.

Tom Gouttierre, dean of international studies and programs at UNO and UNMC, said the relationship UNO has with infoUSA is a "wonderful" example of partnership between education and business.

Because of the partnership, the

students only had to pay for about 80 percent of their airfare, passport and visa fees as well as travel insurance. Everything else was underwritten by a grant from infoUSA and some of the Indian corporate hosts.

"Even with better communication throughout the world, it remains vitally important to make face-to-face connections," Gouttierre said in a statement. "InfoUSA has done a tremendous amount to foster good will between Nebraska and India."

Last summer, infoUSA sponsored a trip for 50 students from IIT-Kharagpur to visit UNO to meet with students and Omaha business leaders. A grant also covered these students' expenses, except for airfare. In a statement, infoUSA Chairman and CEO Vin Gupta said, "The students from here and the students in India understand that the world truly is getting smaller."

The trip started on March 6, and the travelers visited to Bangalore, Mysore, Calcutta, Kharagpur, Delhi and Agra. The trip was an opportunity for the students to interact and network with the students at IIT-Kharagpur and the Jaypee Institute of Information Technology.

"Everyone at UNO would be proud of the way our students are representing

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University approves collective bargaining, Med Center plans Board of Regents



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UNO faculty will get a raise and UNMC may set up shop in Norfolk.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents met March 9 in Lincoln and approved an amendment to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between the board and the UNO American Association of University Professors calling for a 4.3 percent raise for UNO faculty over each of the next two years.

The board also approved a letter of intent to establish a UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division in Norfolk.

The initial decision to award the pay increase, which also includes a 4.4 percent bump for University of Nebraska at Kearney faculty, came from Special Master Peter Feuille, who was appointed to arbitrate an impasse between university administration and the union.

While the increase will serve the stated purpose of making UNO salaries more comparable to those of peer institutions, it also poses a budgetary problem. The current recommendation from the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee would only account for a 2 percent raise and would need to be more than doubled to cover the amendment.

Sheri Rogers, acting vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, issued a statement in February regarding the disparity.

"UNO is examining possible solutions to this situation, though given the budget cuts of recent years, finding such will not be easy," she said.

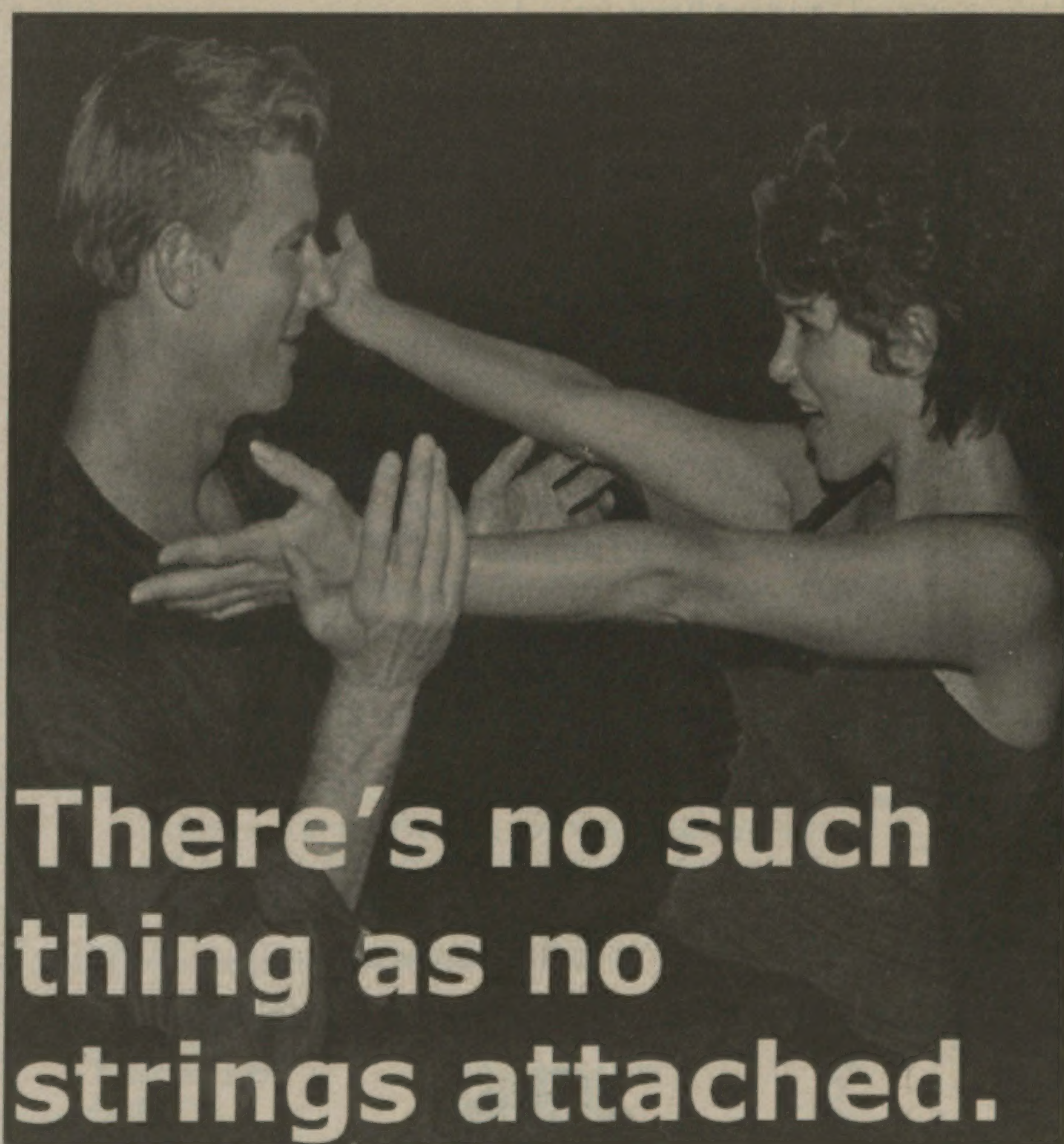
The board also approved a letter of intent for the UNMC nursing school in Norfolk, which satisfied the first of three conditions that need to be met before establishment of the division. The two remaining conditions, a joint operating agreement and an academic affiliation agreement, are expected to be completed in 2008.

The new division would offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in nursing and would be funded by public and private sources.

University of Nebraska President James B. Milliken said, "A major component of the university's mission is to ensure that all of Nebraska's citizens have access to the benefits of higher education, and this partnership will help the university achieve that."

In other business, the board received a status report on university housing fire protection. The report came on the heels of a Nov. 17 fire at a Nebraska Wesleyan University fraternity house that claimed the life of Wesleyan sophomore Ryan Stewart, 19.

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Executive Treasurer

The Executive Treasurer maintains the revenues and expenses of the entire University Student Government, chairs the Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) and provides reports to the Senate and Executive Council when necessary. The Executive Treasurer must attend a meeting every Thursday at 7 p.m. and complete five office hours a week.

American Multicultural Students Director

The American Multicultural Students Agency provides support, assistance and guidance to multicultural students attending UNO by providing programs and events designed to increase awareness about various cultures. Speakers, forums and photographic exhibits are just a few of the programs coordinated through AMS.

International Student Services Director

The International Student Services Agency works with international students to foster a smooth transition in to a new environment. Members of the ISS board promote international cultural exchange and awareness on campus through a variety of programs. ISS also sponsors an annual Cultural Festival and International Student Banquet.

Network for disAbled Students Director

The primary mission of the Network for disAbled Students Agency is to provide services at UNO to students with disabilities. These services include a library of multimedia materials for research and educational usage as well as specialized equipment. NDS is an advocate and referral service regarding disability issues and also provides programs that promote awareness about the diverse issues concerning those who are disAbled.

Woman's Resource Center Director

The Women's Resource Center offers a wide variety of gender and sexual orientation-centered services and programs. The center sponsors special events and programs and houses a library of books, periodicals and publications on a broad range of issues. WRC is also a referral agent for counseling agencies, childcare, and community groups concerned with gender and sexual orientation-centered specific topics.

Deadline is March 29 for all positions.



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preparing for the next day's Board of Regents meeting.

"If there had been a little more open communication between the president and myself, then [the grievance] wouldn't have happened," Loseke said after the meeting.

Also joining the executive branch of student government was Melissa Gubbels, who was appointed executive treasurer by Vice President Mike White and confirmed unanimously by the senate.

In other business, the senate approved an increase to University Programs and Facilities Fees after a presentation by Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Wade Robinson.

"The amount of UPFF would increase 18.3 percent," Robinson told senators.

The major increases to the fee come from a \$2 per credit hour hike in the intercampus shuttle fee, used for campus parking, and a \$4 per semester increase to pay for the student government's newspaper program.

The fee increases will be presented to the Board of Regents in April.

Senators also approved a preliminary budget for the recently created gay and lesbian student agency, setting aside \$4,450 to cover operational and programming through the end of June.

The meeting's only controversy came

when senators considered a letter of statement submitted by Sens. Nick Buda, Meg Mandy and James Shoquist, all of whom were absent from the meeting. Loseke said the meeting was announced following the snow day, and senators would only be counted as missing a committee meeting.

The letter focused on campus safety and urged Campus Security to "re-focus more of their efforts and attentions on the ultimate safety and security of students, faculty and staff" after the number of sexual assaults and "aggravated crimes" on campus over the past couple years.

"We realize that each individual is ultimately responsible for his or her own safety," the letter stated. "However, the current string of crimes is unacceptable."

The letter eventually failed the senate in a 7-12 vote, with three abstentions. Sen. Josh Wiechman expressed concern over the "aggressive feel" of the letter. Sen. Nicole Massara expressed doubt over whether to include mention of sexual assaults occurring in Elmwood Park.

"We should provide some constructive criticism," Sergeant at Arms Shayna Royal said.

The letter's only sponsor, Sen. Gabriel Gonzalez, maintained support for the letter.

"I think that it is important that [Campus Security] knows they need to step it up," he said during the debate.



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Rock 'n' Roll fantasy: *Guitar Hero* hits all the right notes with college students

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

First it was karaoke. Then it was *Dance Dance Revolution*. Now, thanks to a new hands-on video game, millions across America are finding a new way to embarrass themselves in front of friends. The game is *Guitar Hero*, and it could very well topple its predecessors in terms of popularity.

Guitar Hero, a collaboration between RedOctane and Harmonix, emerged on the scene for the PlayStation 2 in November 2005. The gameplay was simplistic: grab a guitar-style controller, have enough hand-eye coordination to hit any of the five colored fret buttons on the neck and the strum bar in the middle, and you're good to go.

Upon its release, *Guitar Hero* stood head and shoulders above its musically-inclined peers with four difficulty modes, easily recognizable songs and a career mode with unlockable secret songs.

Guitar Hero has also garnered numerous awards over the past two years, including the Academy of Interactive Arts and Sciences' Outstanding Achievement in Game Design and Gameplay, as well as "Best Music Game" and "Best Offline Multiplayer Game" from IGN.com.

With the popularity of *Guitar Hero*, it was only natural that a sequel was in the works. Released in November 2006, *Guitar Hero II* kept the innovative gameplay, tweaked some of the songs and added a "Practice Mode" to the game. *Guitar Hero II* shot up the sales charts, and according to the NPD Group, ended the year as the third best-selling PlayStation 2 game of 2006, only behind *Kingdom Hearts II* and *Madden NFL '07*.

Realizing that *Guitar Hero* was a full-fledged phenomenon, the members of MavRadio decided to host a *Guitar Hero II* tournament the Wednesday before Spring Break to earn some money and get face-time with UNO students. Jordan Perolio, also known as "Big Sarge" from MavRadio's "Bull Session," said it worked.

"...[W]e had three people walk in the door right at 10 [a.m.], and so I thought that was pretty impressive," said Perolio, who is also the station's program manager. "I didn't think [there would be people] at 10 o'clock on a Wednesday."

With two controllers, a PlayStation 2 and over two dozen willing participants, Perolio, along with his Bull Session co-host and MavRadio general manager William Monestero, emceed the event. They issued words of encouragement and shame as people were knocked out from the single-elimination tournament, which offered the chance to win a prize package from RedOctane.

Alex Evans, a sophomore from UNL who drove up from Lincoln for the event, ended up winning the tournament. Evans, who doesn't own the game, amazed even the most hardcore players, playing the guitar behind his back to beat one of his opponents.

"I just played with my friends for awhile," Evans laughed. "I guess we kind of kept playing each other and kept getting better because we [had] competition between us."

Evans says the popularity of a game like *Guitar Hero* is due to the fact that it doesn't discriminate any demographic group and can be played at any skill level.

"You don't need to be good at guitar to be able to get up there and rock out to some song that you've always wanted to be on stage performing," he said.

Perolio, who came up with the idea to host the event, explained that he didn't even know about the game until a co-worker mentioned it to him.

"This is the kind of game I'd play at my house with a bunch of my friends and get drunk and hang out," Perolio said with a laugh. "And I think that's just it; it's a group game."

Evans is looking forward to the end of the month, when the game will come out for the first time on Xbox 360. He says that with an option to download songs online, the game has unlimited potential.

And as for the *Guitar Hero* champion's favorite song?

"'Thunderhorse' by Dethklok," Evans said with a smile. "It's just a pure shred song. It's awesome."

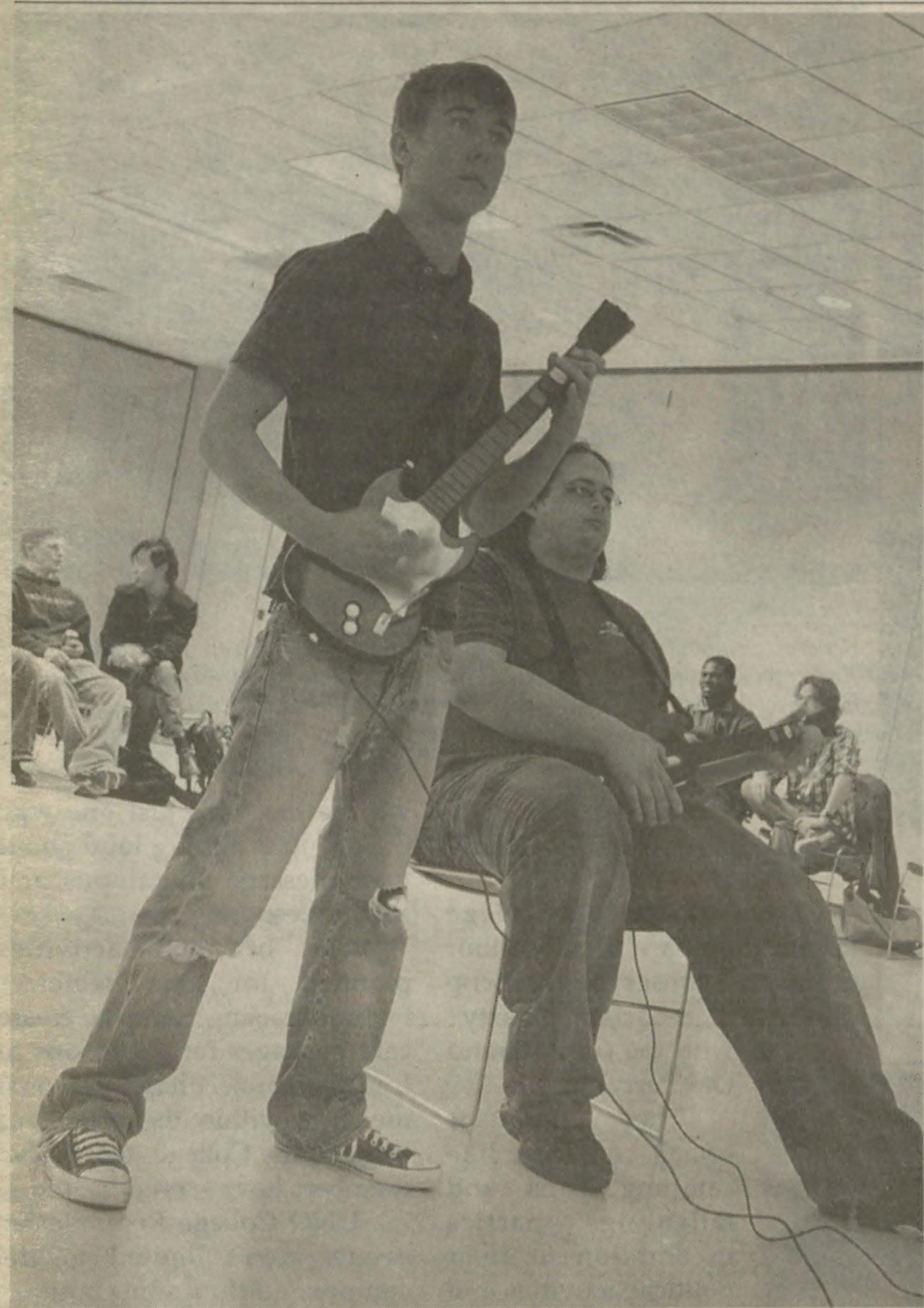


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Michael Baum (left) and Erik Peters compete in the *Guitar Hero II* tournament.

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Pancake Man on the Plaza

Tuesday, March 27: The Pancake Man on the Plaza from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Photo Hunt / Volleyball of the Sexes Game

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-Photo Scavenger Hunt from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Teams of four with a digital camera are invited to participate. The team to return to the SG-UNO office first with everything on the list photographed wins a prize.
-Student Volleyball game from 6-9 p.m. at the gym in HPER. All those who attend can pick which team they think will win. If you chose correctly, you will be entered in a drawing to win a prize. Warm up will be from 6-6:30 p.m. with the game beginning at 6:30.

Appeals Forum

Thursday, March 29: Forum in the fireside lounge from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Paul Kosel and Dr. Wade Robinson will be speaking about traffic and grade appeals. Free pizza and pop for all who attend.



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Fahad Alhote, freshman, dentistry
"I traveled to Seattle to visit and do some sight seeing."



Khushbu Patel, freshman, pre-medicine

"I was about to go to Indiana but then my mom said 'No, you cannot drive by yourself.' So, I stayed in Omaha and worked for my uncle's motel. It sucked, but that is about it."



Jeff Stark, junior, civil engineering

"I worked and studied ... I have a research paper due now that spring break has come to an end. I couldn't afford a vacation during spring break, so I chose to stay home now and take a vacation when the semester ends."



Angela Basak, sophomore, secondary education

"I tried to work as many hours as possible to get some cash and then party and sleep!"



Edgier republicans etch new path while rebuilding ranks



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Several members of UNO College Republicans volunteered at the Elephant Remembers Banquet held at the Embassy Suites in January. The group heard several speakers at the event where junior Dayton Headlee was honored with a leadership award.

KATIE ZABROCKI
STAFF WRITER

The UNO College Republicans are a close-knit group of conservatives who don't just associate "party" with the GOP (Grand Old Party).

They sponsor social events like camping trips and tailgating parties in addition to their political activities and campaigning. Past events, like a State of the Union Party and a "Second Amendment Day" outing to the shooting range, coupled the group's social side with its political ideals. They also distributed water guns on campus last year to show their support for the right to carry concealed weapons.

The College Republicans have approximately 20 members attending meetings each week, said junior Ryan Maher, a marketing and management major and interim president of the College Republicans. And even though the group is in a "rebuilding" year, they are working hard and brainstorming ideas for fun events and slogans in 2007.

"After losing some of our numbers due to graduating seniors, we're looking to boost membership under new management," Maher said. "Our goal is to let people know that there is a conservative presence on campus and that there is an alternative to the [Democrats]."

College Republicans' new campaign includes edgier fliers like, "Sick of Leftist Professors?"

We are too!" It's just one way the group is getting loud about their message on campus and getting responses.

One of their activities planned for this semester includes raising money to create care packages for the troops in Iraq. The project has a personal meaning within the group, as some of the College Republican members have served in Iraq.

UNO College Republicans' events aren't limited to the campus, either. In January several members volunteered at the Elephant Remembers political fundraiser, the largest of its kind in Nebraska. At the event, member Dayton Headlee, a junior teacher education and political science major, received the prestigious Ally Milder Future Leader Award, which was presented by Congressman Lee Terry.

"That night was really special for me," Headlee said. "And a lot of [it] had to do with the fact that six of my best friends were there to celebrate with me."

The event was also an opportunity for group members to mingle with top Republicans from across the state.

The College Republicans also had representation at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, D.C., from March 1-3. The event is the largest gathering of conservatives in the U.S. While listening to speakers like Vice President Dick Cheney, Sean Hannity and Ann Coulter was the focus of the trip, they planned time for sightseeing as well.

And in 20 words or less, how would the College Republicans persuade someone to join their organization?

"Have fun, learn more, get involved and make a difference," Maher said.

The UNO College Republicans meet every first and third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. in the Omaha Room of the Milo Bail Student Center. They have \$10 annual voluntary dues to support organization activities. For more information, visit their Web site at unocr.com.

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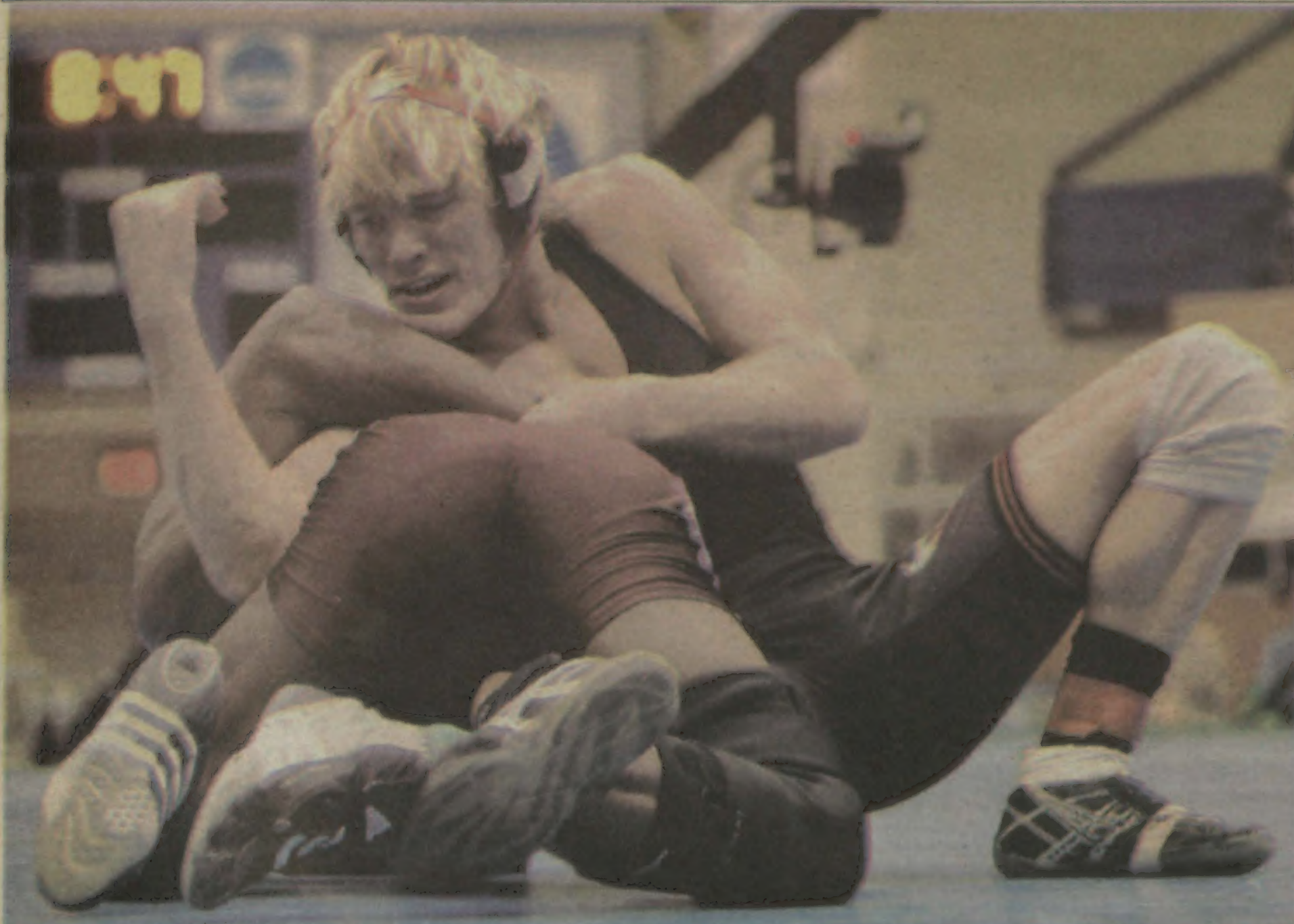


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J.D. Naig works to turn his opponent in the 174-pound finals of the Division II Wrestling Championships March 10 in Kearney. Naig won the match 9-1 for his third NCAA title.

Wrestlers stumble in attempt at 4-peat

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

In the pros, it's free agency. In college, it's graduation.

Either way, there's a reason dynasties usually don't make it past three years.

With six out of eight qualifiers making their first trip to the Division II Wrestling Championships, the UNO wrestling team already had the deck stacked against them last week in Kearney.

After a rough first day for the Mavericks and the University of Central Oklahoma's dominant performance in the opening

rounds, it was apparent UNO wouldn't be bringing home a fourth-straight title.

This year, the Mavs had to settle for third.

But that didn't stop two Mavericks from claiming their own crowns.

Senior J.D. Naig capped a legendary college career with his own trifecta – a third-straight individual championship – and sophomore Todd Meneely completed a long journey back after three years away from wrestling with his first title.

Naig rolled over his first-round opponent 14-1 before coming up against

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Michigan State sweep ends season, puts Mavericks hockey on ice



photo by Michelle Bishop
Goalie Jeremie Dupont makes a blocker save on Michigan State's Jay Sprague as Dan Charleston helps protect the goal during game two of the second-round CCHA playoffs.

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

EAST LANSING, Mich – It was bad enough that the Road to the Joe went through East Lansing, but even worse was the Mavericks had to take to the ice without their leading scorer and Hobey Baker finalist senior Scott Parse.

UNO, hit hard by injuries during their first-round CCHA playoff series against Bowling Green, was without the services of Parse for the second-round series against Michigan State.

Entering the series Michigan State held a 47-4 home record in the CCHA

playoffs, meaning no visiting team had ever clinched a trip to the CCHA semifinals at Munn Arena.

The Mavs had quality opportunities to jump ahead of the Spartans and stun the less-than-capacity crowd of 3,719 during Friday's game.

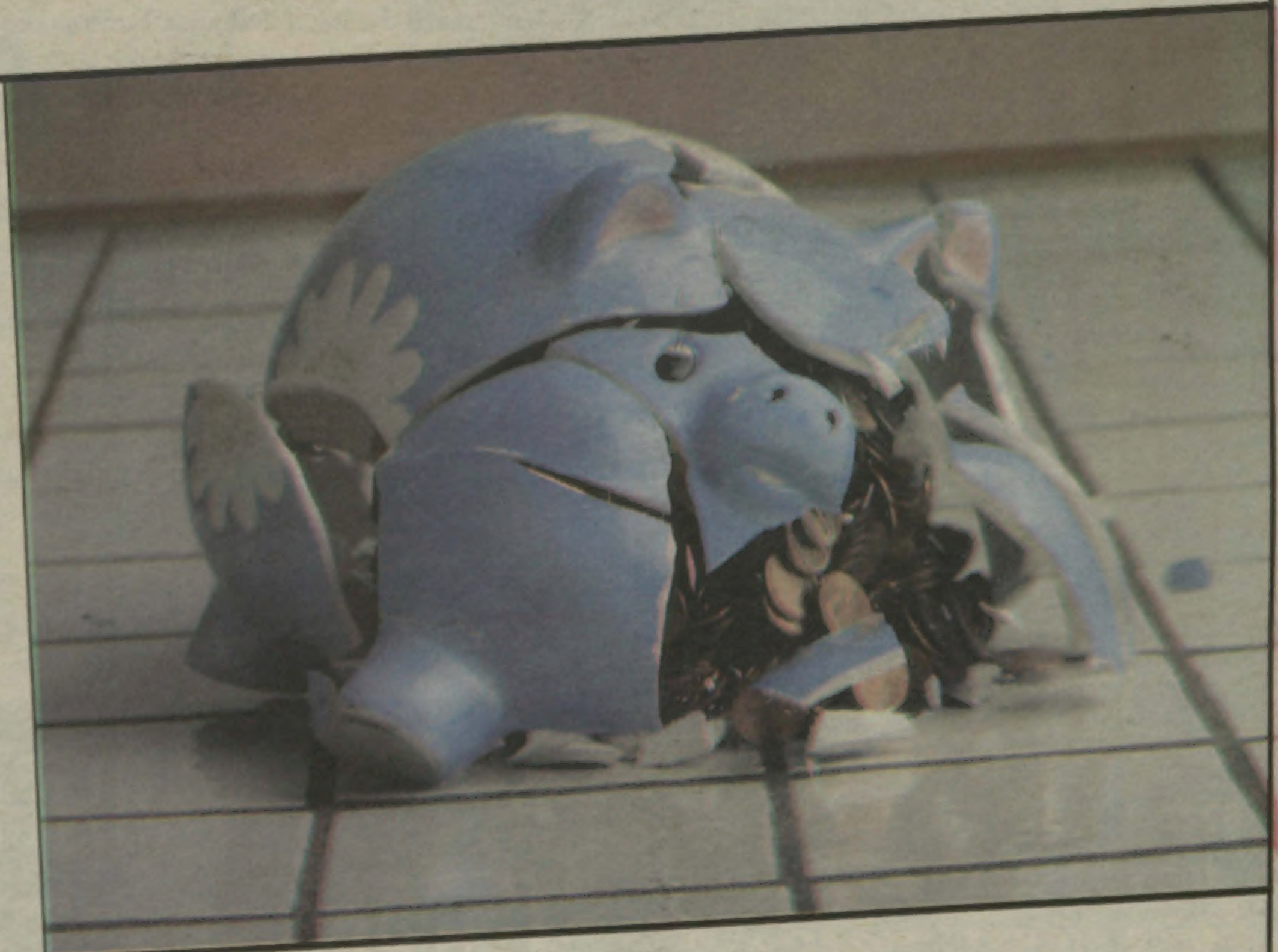
UNO almost took a 1-0 lead as Dan Charleston's shot caromed off the post in the second period. Instead the Mavs faced a 2-0 deficit early in the third period after Spartan goals by Jay Sprague and Nick Sucharski.

UNO battled back to tie the game 2-2

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Golf legend Lopez brings positive message to UNO

JASON GLENN
SPORTS EDITOR

When Nancy Lopez started high school in New Mexico, just a few years before Title IX revolutionized women's sports, she had problems making the team.

She couldn't make the girls' team because there wasn't one and she couldn't make the boys' team because a "body contact" rule prohibited it.

While the budding superstar was left to ponder how "body contact" applied to the genteel game of golf, an ACLU lawyer stepped in on Lopez's behalf and forced the state to change the rule.

With Lopez on the varsity boys' squad, her school won the state championship.

She went on to the University of Tulsa where, in 1976, she won the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women collegiate championship and was named an all-American.

Lopez left college early to join the LPGA tour and, in her first year, won nine

tournaments, including a record five-in-a-row, and was named rookie of the year, player of the year and the Associated Press female athlete of the year.

In 24 years on the tour, Lopez won 48 tournaments and became the youngest inductee into the LPGA Hall of Fame.

Perhaps more importantly, she became one of the most visible and vocal advocates for women's sports.

Lopez came to Omaha March 6 to serve as keynote speaker for the Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk Luncheon and delight a crowd of approximately 500 with stories of her trials and triumphs as a female athlete.

"Women have come a long way," said Lopez. "There wasn't much offered for women back when I was growing up. After Title IX, it changed. It was a great thing for women's golf and for women's sports."

Title IX was a law enacted in 1972 that helped promote gender equality in scholastic sports.

Founded in 1985, when the women's athletic program was in dire straits, the

Women's Walk has done much the same at UNO.

The annual fundraiser is expected to bring in close to \$300,000 this year and should top the \$3 million mark in total scholarship money accumulated over its 22-year history.

Interim Athletic Director Tom Frette said Lopez was a natural choice to represent the achievements made by the walk and female athletes at UNO.

"For her to come in and agree to do this and spend the time with all the people ... she's a great spokesperson for athletics, for golf in general and certainly a great role model for our female student-athletes," he said.

After the luncheon, Lopez headed over to the Chili Greens



photo by Michelle Bishop

See **LOPEZ:** Page 10 LPGA legend Nancy Lopez gives some pointers to a crowd of UNO supporters at the Chili Greens dome.

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No. 2-ranked Zach Schafer in the quarterfinals. The two-time NCAA champ from UNO dispatched Schafer 7-2 to set up a showdown against Western State's tough Larry Wilbanks.

With the score deadlocked at 5-5 late in the third, Naig got in deep on a shot and wiggled out of a defensive hold to notch a two-point takedown and advance to his third-straight national final.

In fittingly dominant fashion, Naig closed his UNO career with a 13-1 pummeling of the University of Indianapolis' Michael Jackson and was named the tournament's most valuable wrestler.

To the senior from Emmetsburg, Iowa, though, it all seemed to happen too soon.

"It's really emotional. For five years at UNO, I just can't believe it's over," said Naig.

Meneely worked his way solidly through the 149-pound bracket, knocking off three ranked wrestlers in convincing fashion to make it into the finals.

The four-time Nebraska state champ, who had started at the University of Iowa only to find himself out of the sport for three years, rattled off wins against the No. 8, No. 5 and No. 4 wrestlers to earn a spot in the championship match, where he landed a first period takedown and held off Carson Newman's Mike Rogers 3-2.

Even with the support of a large contingent of family and friends, Meneely said the tournament was far from easy.

"I've never been so nervous before matches and I constantly had to remind myself what I've been through, how hard I've worked," he said. "It was definitely the toughest thing I've ever been through."

Despite Naig and Meneely's electrifying title runs, freshman Austin Boehm turned in one of the most impressive performances of any wrestler over the weekend.

Boehm continued his late-season surge and again proved to be the most entertaining Maverick on the mat. He stormed through the first two rounds, pinning both his opponents in a combined 2:07.

In the semifinals, though, he came up against Shippensburg's No. 8-ranked wrestler Mark Murphy and had to prove he could go the distance.

After a back-and-forth battle, Boehm was trailing Murphy by a point with 15 seconds left when he threw caution to the wind and lateral-dropped Murphy to score a takedown and find himself on the biggest stage of all.

Unfortunately, Boehm's improbable run ended in the finals with a 9-1 loss to Jared Deaguero of Adams State.

Still, UNO's first true freshman to appear in a championship match said the experience was something he would never forget.

"More than I ever expected for this year," said Boehm. "I was planning on redshirting and things happened and seemed to work out for the best."

Even though things didn't work out best for the team, Coach Mike Denney said third place was no letdown for a squad that had to work through injury and inexperience in what the coach said was the most setback-plagued season of his 28-year career at UNO.

"They worked hard for it," he said. "We've had a lot of adversity this year, but they've hung in there so I'm proud of them."

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with goals 43 seconds apart in the third period. Senior Dan Knapp's power-play goal and Mick Lawrence's game-tying goal appeared to give the Mavs enough momentum to stage an upset.

But with 59 seconds in regulation, Michigan State's Jim McKenzie beat goalie Jerad Kaufmann with a shot just below the crossbar to give the Spartans a 3-2 lead. Bryan Lerg secured the Spartan win with an empty net goal to take game one of the series 4-2.

In Saturday's game the Spartans peppered goalie Jeremie Dupont with 19 shots in the first period to take a 2-0 lead into the first intermission on goals by Tim Crowder and Tim Kennedy. In the second period, senior Alex Nikiforuk's breakaway goal trimmed the 2-1 Spartan lead. The Mavs had plenty of opportunities to tie the game but were once again unable to conquer Spartan goalie Jeff Lerg.

UNO wasn't able to climb any closer after Chris Muller's power-play goal and Jim McKenzie's empty-netter gave the Spartans a 4-1 win and a sweep in the best-of-three series. Michigan State moved onto the CCHA semifinals at the Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, while UNO ended their 10th season with an 18-16-8 record.

"This is always a very painful night when the season comes to an end and you have to see a group of seniors off," said Kemp. "Particularly this year with the kind of impact this senior class has had. They've been guys who believed in the program and have carried us a long way from the first year to this year. It's obviously very disappointing this whole run with them has come to an end."

The Mavs played the series without Parse in the lineup for the first time in 159 games, a streak dating back to the 2003-04 season. Forward Dan Charleston and defenseman Juha Uotila and Phil Angell also saw limited action due to lingering injuries.

"Give them credit, they're a great team, but we're just banged up," said senior assistant captain Alex Nikiforuk as he fought back tears after the game. "We did all we could; I'm so proud of how the guys played. It's been a great experience playing with those guys."

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On the Hot Seat with 'Saturday Night Live' funny girl Amy Poehler



Amy Poehler (right) co-stars with husband Will Arnett, Will Ferrell and Napoleon Dynamite's Jon Heder in the upcoming film *Blades of Glory*. Dreamworks

RYAN RAKOWSKY
STAFF WRITER

"Right now they're fighting over someone's sock or something. It's really exciting over here guys!"

Clearly, we were missing out. That was Amy Poehler, explaining the barking and brawling of her two dogs in the background while on a conference call with reporters for several U.S. and Canadian college newspapers, the *Gateway* included. The "Saturday Night Live" star spoke to us from Los Angeles, promoting her new movie, *Blades of Glory*, starring Will Ferrell and Napoleon Dynamite's Jon Heder.

It's the latest in a string of supporting movie

roles for the bubbly, yet mildly sardonic actress. In addition to *Blades*, the actress will also be featured in *On Broadway*; *Shrek the Third*; *Mr. Woodcock* and *Spring Breakdown*, all in 2007.

Poehler, 35, was at ease with the college bunch on the call and lived up to her "Weekend Update" persona. Heavy on the teasing sarcasm and quick with the quips, she had plenty of positive things to say about her feature film

co-stars, as well as some SNL alumni.

On Will Ferrell: "I think Will Ferrell is a genius, so I think anything he does will turn to gold - comedy gold."

On Tina Fey's new NBC show, "30 Rock": "I think it's an awesome, awesome show and so many funny people are on it. I'm thrilled for her about that."

And on "The Office": "I love that show and I love [Steve] Carell. Carell used to be in Chicago when I was there, and I think everyone is a genius and I love that show."

She also had some nice things to say about her real-life husband, "Arrested Development"'s Will Arnett, who costars with her in *Blades*. They play a brother-sister ice skating duo who resent Ferrell and Heder's characters for pairing up as an ice skating team and stealing the spotlight that had previously been theirs. "It was really, really fun, and I am a big fan of Will's, separate from being married to him, so it is always great to work with him."

Poehler was patient, even friendly, when a panelist tactlessly framed his question with, "I don't watch 'Saturday Night Live,'" and then proceeded to ask a question not about her, but about Ferrell.

"Will Ferrell has been an elf, a schizophrenic, an anchorman, a race car driver, an ice skater and whole bunch of other things. So I was wondering, what do you think his next role will be that Adam Sandler hasn't played?" asked the interviewer.

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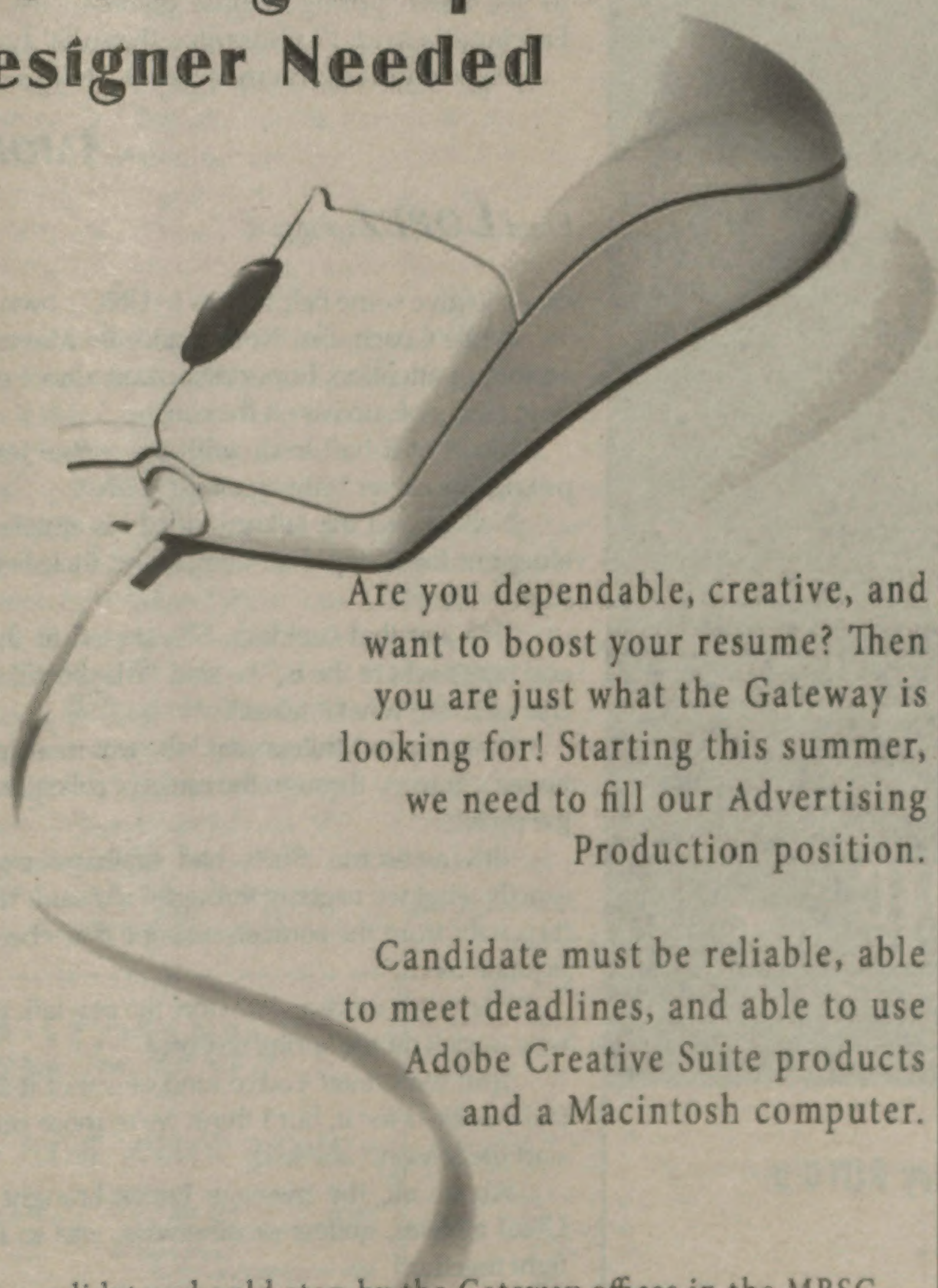
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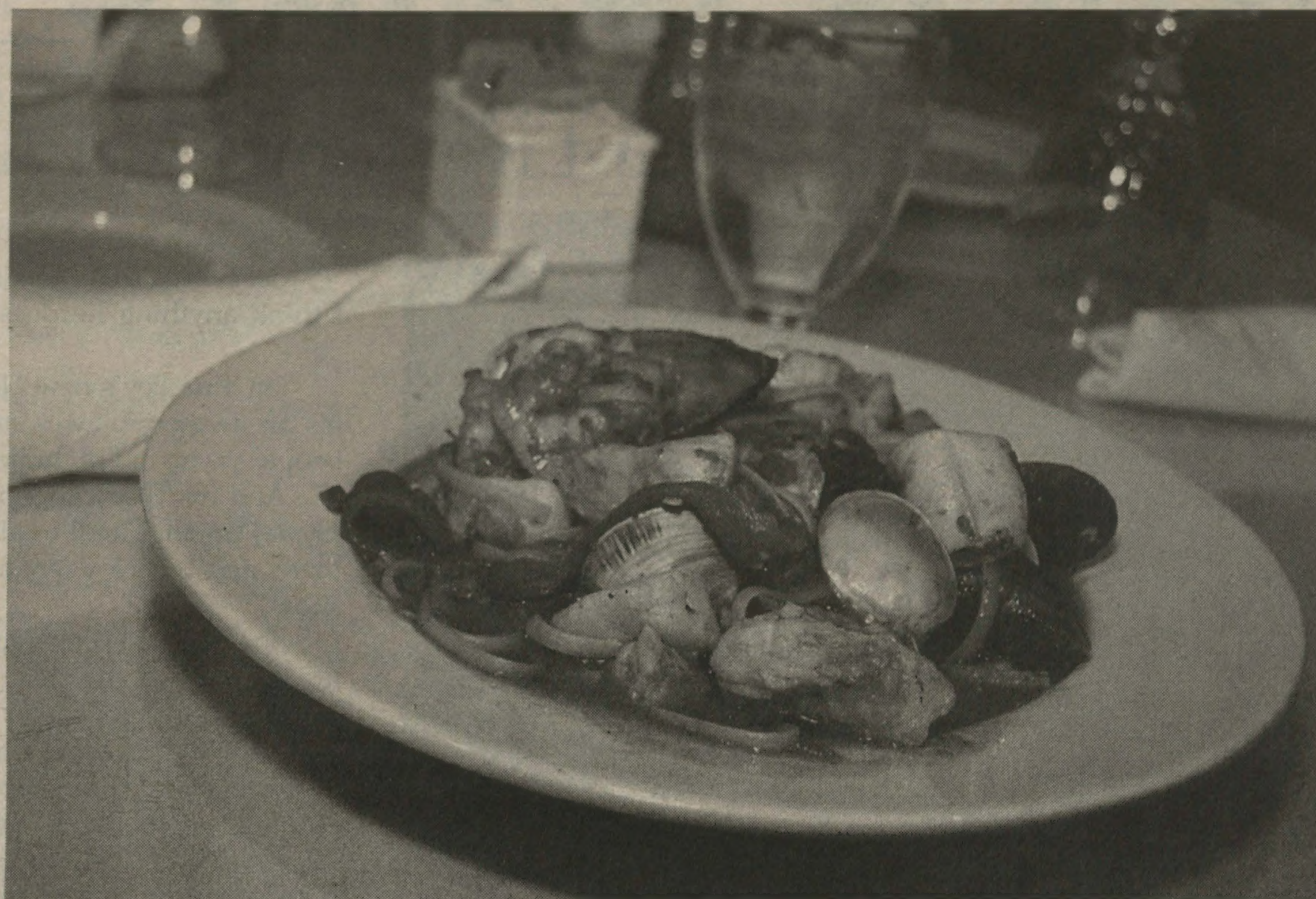
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ASHLEE SCHUETTE
STAFF WRITER

Leo Fascianella is passionate about Italian food. So much so, that he makes his pasta fresh every single day. Authenticity is his top priority, even to the point of making his own balsamic vinegar. The native of Sicily eventually took his passion and shaped it into the form of a restaurant, Pasta Amore, located in the Rockbrook Village at 108th Street and West Center Road.

The restaurant, which opened in September 1986, wasn't always a huge hit among Omahans.

"It was a tough beginning because we only served pasta," Fascianella said. "Back in the 80s, Omaha was mainly a steak and potato kind of place."

Two months into the business, Fascianella decided to add steak to the menu.



Pasta Amore, located in Rockbrook Village at 108th Street and West Center Road, features authentic Italian meals with a variety of sauces and ingredients.

photo by Patrick Doty

"I had to go with the changes," he said.

The new menu addition plus the health conscious epidemic that took hold of the nation at the time,

helped boost the restaurant's tables from 10 to 40. Amore finally took a seat in Omaha's mainly beef industry.

Pasta Amore continues to reap the rewards with a vast selection of pastas including lasagna, tortellini, spaghetti, cannelloni, linguine, mostaccioli, fettuccine, ravioli and angel hair pasta dishes that can be combined with shrimp, chicken, beef, pork, Italian sausage, meatballs, steak, grilled fish or fresh vegetables.

If you're unfamiliar with the Italian scene, Fascianella suggested beginning with the mozzarella caprese (\$8) as an appetizer. The fresh mozzarella cheese, topped with tomatoes, olive oil, basil and balsamic vinegar is a superb way to begin your Italian meal.

"It's very nice and light," Fascianella said. "Everyone always likes it."

Next, move on to a bowl of light pasta. Fascianella warned against trying a heavy meal like veal. The penne alio, for \$14 consists of delicate penne pasta, topped with grilled chicken strips, artichoke hearts, sweet sundried tomatoes and basil in a light garlic and olive oil sauce.

Another favorite among Pasta Amore regulars is the gnocchi alla gina, also \$14. This plate offers potato dumplings drenched in your choice of bolognese, carbonara or marinara sauce. A recommended choice is the flavorful crème sauce with savory bacon.

With your meal, you have the choice of a fresh salad or soup. You can choose either minestrone or pasta fagioli soup. Warm bread, fresh out of the oven, accompanies your meal as well. Pasta Amore also offers an elaborate list of wine, including two dozen Italian, European and California choices, including imported Nuhar, a red wine from Sicily at \$6.50 a glass.

When out on a date, Fascianella suggested splitting a beautiful plate of tiramisu for \$5. This mouth-watering dessert consists of two layers of espresso drenched sponge cake divided by mascarpone cream, a sweet Italian cheese, and finished off with a light dusting of cocoa powder.

The price is decent for college students. Fascianella said that a meal for two would cost around \$50 with plenty to take home.

Fascianella said his restaurant offers many benefits to a younger crowd. During the summer, outdoor dining under the stars is available. "I would like to see more young people come to my restaurant," Fascianella said. "I guarantee they will be happy."

Friendly staff members are always ready to fill

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dome to give some helpful tips to UNO's own linksters.

While Coach Tim Nelson and the Maverick golf team sat in rapt attention, Lopez dispensed advice on some of the finer points of success on the course.

Much of it had to do with the central tenet of Lopez's prodigious career - always stay positive.

Nelson said the talk provided his athletes with a great blueprint for taking their games, and their lives, to the next step.

"It's just that building. She started at that young age and here's where she is," he said. "Maybe it'll give the kids a chance to see what it takes."

Junior Lynn Mulligan said she was most impressed with Lopez's journey through the ranks of collegiate golf and into the pros.

"It's awesome. She's had firsthand experience with exactly what we're going through," she said. "It's nice to hear it straight from the source, someone that's been in the same position as us."

For junior Lindsay Newton, the pep talk was the perfect way to kick off the spring season.

"[In] the winter you're kind of out of it and you're not really excited for it, but I think we're more pumped now to start the season," she said.

Above all, the message Lopez brought to all female UNO athletes, golfers or otherwise, was to fight the good fight together.

"Don't be discouraged and always root for each other," she said. "Always pull for each other because you get more satisfaction out of rooting for each other than anything."

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Blizzards, Bonneville's and self-help

I, like many of you, experienced the blizzard of 2007. It was as if Mother Nature sat on Omaha, opened the newspaper (perhaps the UNO *Gateway*) and took a huge dump on our city. Not just any dump, though; it was a dump that seems to still be lingering.

It was the morning of March 1 when I got a text message stating "school got canceled." I quickly rose from my bed, threw on some plush slippers and looked out my window. "Sweet rapture," I thought to myself. This was the most accumulated white, yet moist, snow that I had seen since the freak Halloween blizzard of '91.

I quickly made my way to the living room and turned on the most trusted name in local weather, Andrea Bredow of KETV news. She tells it like it is, and today was no different. She told us to stay inside and avoid driving if possible. I heeded her wise words, but what Miss Bredow didn't know was that this guy had to work in a mere seven hours. I continued to listen to all the KETV news team had to say. They seemed to have high hopes that the roads would be cleared soon; I sensed a glimmer of hope. I then turned off the news and did what I assume the majority of my fellow UNO students did when they heard school was canceled: I poured me a bowl of Captain Crunch Red Berries cereal and turned on *The View*. Rosie was on fire and Elizabeth left me wondering, "Why the hell is she on this show?" When the show ended I took a nap, dreaming of clear roads.

When I woke up I started getting myself ready for the task at hand. I gathered all of my belongings and headed to the door. Upon opening the door, it was apparent that the roads were in fact not clear. All I could see was whiteness. It resembled a scene on one of the Discovery Channel specials on Antarctica. I was seriously looking around waiting for a penguin or baby seal to emerge from the crystal-like white surroundings. Penguins or not, I had to get to work.

I took the treacherous first step into the giant mounds of snow, all the while cursing to myself that I never invested in a pair of snow shoes. Ten steps later, I was covered in snow and standing in front of my '92 Bonneville. I got in, turned it on and let it warm up. I often get a lot of crap for my choice of transportation, but it never lets me down, and today was going to be no different...or was it?

I began driving to my destination and was surprisingly having no problems. The roads were hardly plowed, but my Bonneville thrives in harsh environments and thrashed through the snow like a wild beast. After a few short minutes I could see my work in the distance.

I quickly turned onto the appropriate street and continued driving -- then I saw it. Approximately five feet ahead of me were three cars, all blocking the road, all stuck in a huge pile of snow in the middle of the street. I tried to slow down, but much like a river, the current had me. I slammed on the brakes and "thud" I took my place as the fourth car stuck in this massive pile of snow. I tried to back out, move forward and spin my tires, but was having no luck. I was stuck. As I was already running an hour late, I decided to leave my car where it was and come back for it once the snow plows had adequate time to clear the streets. Two days passed.

On the third day (Sunday) my dad and I once again walked down to my car in hopes that the street would be clear. It wasn't; in fact, it was worse. There were now six cars stuck in the very same spot as mine. As my dad and I are both veteran boy scouts, we had experience with dealing with the wrath of Mother Nature. We knew that the scene before us probably looked impossible to fix to the untrained eye. However, we had rope and a vast knowledge of knot-tying techniques up our sleeves.

I quickly grabbed the rope and tied my best double carrick bend knot. I then attached one end of the rope to my Bonneville and the other to my dad's Jimmy. I raised my hand, alerting my dad to start driving. It wasn't easy, but in a matter of moments the Bonneville was free.

Shortly after freeing the car a familiar man approached me.

"Could this really be happening?" I asked myself.

It was an anchor from none other than the KETV news team. He wanted to interview me for a story they were working on concerning the lack of plowed streets. I, of course, said yes to his request. I talked to him for a few short minutes about my experiences and went on with my day.

The lesson learned? Sometimes you have to do things on your own. Depending on others to get the job done only puts a delay on results. My dad and I got my car out on our own.

Though we broke my car in the process (apparently I tied the knot to the wrong part of the car), we got it out. Though the engine won't turn anymore, we didn't have to call a tow truck. Though I had to borrow my parents' minivan for a week, I could comfortably seat six with room to spare. And finally, though the newscaster may have only showed five seconds of me saying "This is ridiculous," my voice was heard.

How Typical



Michael McManus

As Far As I'm Concerned



Matthew Lytle

Hagel's press conference would have been best left to a press release

Man, it's tough to get back into the swing of things, especially after taking a Spring Break that was definitely out of the ordinary. And although Universal Studios Florida isn't exactly an original Spring Break destination, where else can you sit right in the middle of an 8.3-magnitude earthquake, travel back and forth through time and hang on for dear life in the presence of a tornado, all in the same theme park?

But while I was busy exploring the Islands of Adventure, having fallen 20 stories in a vertical freefall, being drenched during a heated battle of bitter rivals, starring at the business end of Poseidon's trident and trying to make sense of the nonsensical land of Dr. Seuss, Sen. Chuck Hagel paid a visit to our campus, only to announce that he and his family "will make a decision on my political future later this year," according to the *Omaha World-Herald*.

Man, I'm glad I was in Orlando then.

I even remember that before setting out on this adventure, I was meeting with a professor of mine about a project, and she asked me what I thought about Hagel and his upcoming conference. And although I'm still trying to shake off the jetlag, I think I remember saying that I probably wouldn't vote for him if he ran.

I was shaky about Hagel before I interned with the Pete Ricketts campaign, I was shaky when he decided to endorse Ricketts and, even now, I'm still a little shaky about him.

But that's not the point I'm trying to make here. The major point I'm making is that if Hagel didn't want to decide about his political future now, why did he have to hold a press conference to tell us this?

If he really wanted to wait, to bide his time and soundly make his decision, he would've been better served by either sending out a press release or, better yet, by not saying anything at all about a potential run.

The local, and maybe national, press

may still follow you around; pointing out any event you'd give a speech at as an "attempt to garner support for a potential 2008 White House bid." They did that kind of stuff before Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama officially announced their bids. But all you'd have to do is just keep doing what you were doing before the speculation started, the press can just keep on speculating and when you're ready to toss your hat in the ring, then call the press conference.

And if he wanted to, while the press does the speculating, Hagel could get started on the behind-the-scenes work that could be done and get his forces in line, so that when he was ready to announce, his campaign would be ready to run at full steam seconds after saying, "I am announcing my candidacy for the 2008 Republican White House ticket."

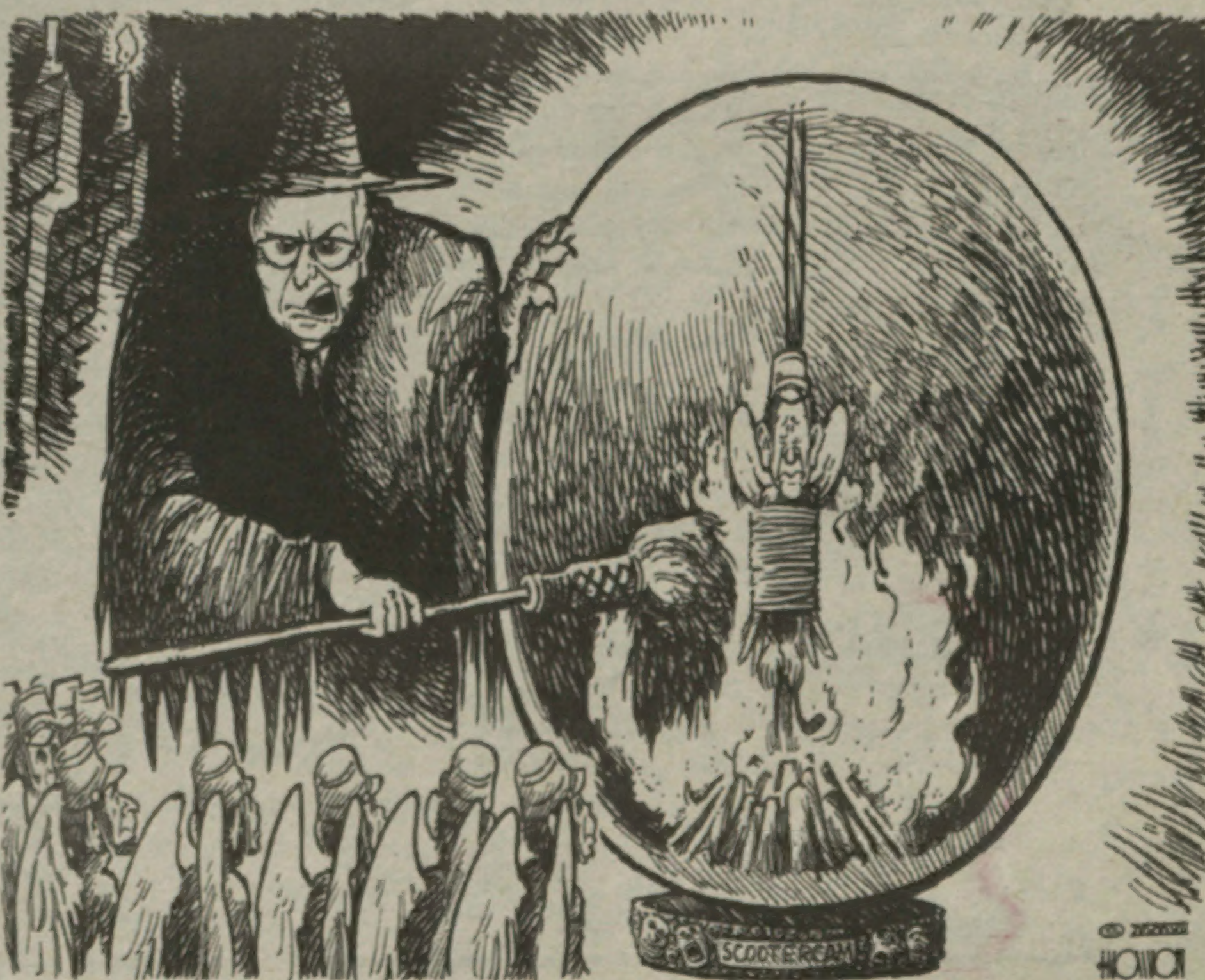
Wouldn't that make more sense?

Former mayor Hal Daub, in an *Omaha World-Herald* article, said that Hagel has earned our "respect and patience," and that "he should be afforded both." That may be so, Hal, and in all fairness maybe I'm being a little too harsh on the senator.

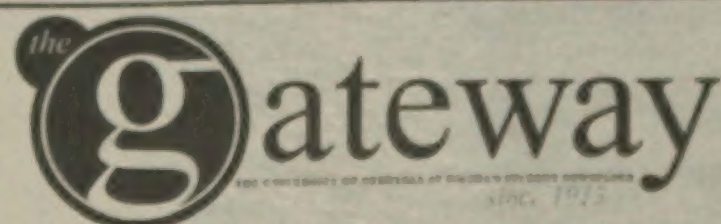
But again, a little common sense would go a long way here, and it would've made more sense for Hagel not to have said anything than to travel back to Omaha, encamp at UNO and waste the media's time in the process by saying what he said.

I really don't know if this is the main reaction many had with the conference, since I somehow lost all the paper editions of the *World-Herald* (I quoted the online edition earlier) and the Public Pulse had been effectively eliminated on the revamped *World-Herald* Web site.

But looking back at this conference, what was said and how this could've been handled differently, I think that Hagel's press conference last week may have been the first misstep in a potential presidential campaign that might have some potential. But that's as far as I'm concerned....



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were impressed with and could present to the chancellor for consideration.

A fifth finalist, former Iowa State University Athletics Director Bruce Van De Velde, was initially on list but dropped out after accepting another position.

While the top candidates all bring weighty Division I credentials with them, Langan was quick to point out that the applicants as a whole reflected well on UNO's reputation.

"I think the entire pool speaks volumes for UNO in terms of the interest and quality people that applied for the job," he said. "I think we have four in that final list that are super and we have another six or so that could easily come in and be part of the pool."

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While the more than 9,000 students currently living in university housing all have smoke detectors in their bedrooms, only 71 percent of the housing space has sprinklers. Under a proposed 10-year plan, that figure would be raised to 96 percent.

However, because all UNO housing already has sprinkler systems, it was the only campus where no additional fire safety work was deemed necessary.

Prior to the administrative affairs of the meeting, Tim Kaldahl, UNO assistant director of media relations, was given a "kudos" award by the regents for receiving employee of the month in December.

"We're a small office, we do a lot of good work here," said Kaldahl. "There are good people in here that are doing work all the time as far as the communication needs of campus and I benefit from that. It's nice to be recognized."

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your water and make sure every bit of your experience at Pasta Amore is pleasant.

"We are like a big family here and that's how I like to treat my customers

also," Fascianella said. "That's the difference between a chain restaurant and a family-owned restaurant -- you get the warmth of not only the food but the people as well, which is a good

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he'll give you a free appetizer.

"If there's anything special you would like for me to make for you," Fascianella said, "I'll come out and do it."

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Poehler answered gracefully, simultaneously lavishing praise on the *Talladega Nights* star and knocking the caller down a few pegs in the gentlest way possible.

Asked which past SNL player she would most like to work with, Poehler said Phil Hartman was the first person to spring to mind. "Of course, I would have loved to have met and worked with Gilda, too. And everyone basically. When you walk down the halls of that show and you see all the people that worked there it's really impressive."

And for the moment, she is going to continue keeping her focus on SNL, though she did kid about

much loftier goals. "They involve world peace, stopping global warming, making sure that we all just start getting along. They involve finding a way for dogs and cats to get along. They involve opening a UCB Theatre on the moon and building a rocket ship in my basement." Poehler says that maybe after that she might consider returning to movies.

The most hilarious question and answer happened to come at the end of the interview. A panelist asked Poehler how she manages to balance her many movie projects with SNL. Does she ever sleep, or does she just has a meth lab in her basement? Poehler's snarky reply

is reprinted below in its entirety for reader enjoyment.

"You know, I don't like to call it a meth lab. I like to call it a house of hope; a synthetic house of hope. So yeah, do I grow, produce and take my own meth? Yes. Do I think it's a problem? No. Am I sick of people talking to me about it? Yes. Does my family want to go and give me treatments? Yes. Do I think my family is wrong? Yes. So, I don't need people coming down on me about how I handle my b'ness."

"So yes, once again, I take meth every day in order to maintain the schedule. Do I think it's a problem? No."

From **INDIA:** Page 3

our institution and Omaha," Gouttierre said. "They are really great ambassadors to the officials, corporate leaders and other students they are meeting."

According to a statement, "Students also visited with corporate executives, government officials, historical sites from the Mughal and British era to the modern times, and experience rural and urban parts of India."

Abby Hagler is an English major at UNO who went on the trip to India. Hagler said the trip was themed "Unity in Diversity," a common Indian idea that was experienced, seen in action and fully embraced by the group of students and faculty.

"Truly, this idea of unity is not just a way of relating to others on a social level; instead, it is also a means of survival in a modernized world," Hagler said.

The group also spent time taking in all that India has to offer. Gouttierre said that the faculty members were

enjoying watching the students learn.

"Yesterday [we] went to Mother Theresa's memorial site, today we saw where Gandhi was cremated and tomorrow we will visit the Taj Mahal," Gouttierre said. "We have done a lot in 10 days."

Participants also maintained a blog of the trip, which can be accessed at unoindia.vox.com. The blog provided regular updates directly from the students about each day's events.

"We arrived at Mother Theresa's memorial, which is nestled within the streets of the 'City of Joy,'" Hagler said on the student blog site. "This beautiful site is home to the holy woman's tomb."

Hagler went on to say that many students were inspired by their visit to Mother Theresa's memorial.

"This is a very unique spring break that is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," Gouttierre said.

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